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HIV AFFECTED STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the latest survey on Social-Economic Impact on HIV and AIDS in India has found that education is a casualty for children in HIV affected homes;

(b) if so, whether the study has also found that not only enrolment of children from HIV homes is lower than those from non-HIV homes but also a drop out rates is higher and attendance is lower;

(c) if so, the other findings of the study; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Union Government to improve the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT.D.PURANDESWARI)

(a)to(c): A study on Socio-Economic Impact of HIV and AIDS in India, prepared by N.A.C.O., N.C.A.E.R. and U.N.D.P., indicates, inter alia, that in HIV affected households, the enrolment of children in schools is affected only to some extent, while drop-out rate and absenteeism is comparatively higher for such children.

(d): The Action Plan for Adolescence Education Programme (2005-06) envisages, among other things, revision of Education Policy for incorporating measures to prevent stigma and discrimination against learners/students and educators and to ensure access to life skills education for HIV prevention.